

PRIEST REFUSES TO WED BRIDE IN DIAPHANOUS GOWN

Orders Lights in Church Put Out and Sends Her Out to Change Raiment.

NEW ORLEANS, June 17.—Catholic circles here are greatly interested in a war which has been started by Archbishop Haw on diaphanous gowns, abbreviated skirts, short sleeves and peekaboo waists. The matter came to a head when Father Antoine, rector of the famous St. Louis Cathedral, refused flatly to perform a wedding ceremony till the bride had changed her outer garb.

Awaiting the coming of the young woman the groom was in the church. The bride entered the door on the arm of her father. A shaft of light from the outside revealed the diaphanous texture of her gown.

Father Antoine shuddered, he says, when he discovered she wore no more than "a piece of gauze above the waistline."

"It was too much for me," he said.

"I ordered the sexton to put out the lights so that her shame could not be seen by all, and in the darkness I let her leave the church to put on another gown, in which she was wed at a later hour."

"I think that something should be said to warn others," he said later. "The girl, a young Italian of wealthy parents, came to the church in such a dress that I was shocked. She wanted to give the impression that she was one of the vulgar rich, and in so doing wanted to bring her marriage down to a debauchery and disgrace."

Father Roth of St. Theresa's Church has posted this notice in his church: "Women who wear low-necked dresses or who wear sleeves so short as not to cover the elbows or who otherwise do not wear sufficient clothing may not enter this church." He also asks women to refrain from dresses cut lower than the hollow of the throat and from tight skirts.

He forbids transparent hose and all diaphanous garments unless the transparency is nullified by an undergarment. Women's clothes that reveal the form are barred.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Margaret's Daughters are behind the campaign.

Teachers Form Allied Citizens' Branch.

Teachers of Manhattan who are interested in seeing the prohibition law enforced will hold a meeting next Thursday afternoon, June 17, at 4:24 at the West Side Y. M. C. A., No. 113 West 87th Street, New York City.

ARREST STOPS HONEYMOON. FORD MAY BUILD AIRCRAFT.

Brooklyn Man Nabbed in Stolen Bond Case.

Harry C. Miller, No. 243 Wyandover Avenue, Brooklyn, was brought back from his honeymoon this morning to be arraigned in Brooklyn on a charge of possessing stolen securities, part of the \$50,000 in bonds taken from Deering & Deering No. 133 Broadway, on Feb. 5.

Five earlier arrests had been made in the case, chief among them being that of Richard Armstrong, No. 1553 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, said to be the "chief of staff" of a band of thieves. About \$31,000 worth of the bonds have been recovered.

Miller was married five weeks ago to Miss Mildred Abrams and they were on their honeymoon at West Brookville when he was arrested. Miller served with the Marines, Second Division Machine Gun Corps in the war.

REFUSES CHANCELLORSHIP.

Dr. Mayer Considers His Post in Paris too Important to Give Up.

PARIS, June 17.—Dr. Mayer von Kaufbeuren, German chargé d'affaires here, has refused the offer of the German Chancellorship, tendered him by Karl Trimborn, leader of the German Centre Party, who is trying to form the new German Ministry to be organized as a result of the recent election.

Dr. Mayer explained his refusal today by declaring he considered the mission he has to fulfill in Paris as too important for him to give up at this juncture.

Reported in Detroit He Is Conferring With German Agents. DETROIT, June 17.—Representatives of German manufacturing interests arrived in Detroit and will meet Henry Ford in conference at noon to-day, it was learned here.

It was understood that the conference had to do with plans looking toward manufacture of Zeppelins on a large scale in America by the Ford interests.

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